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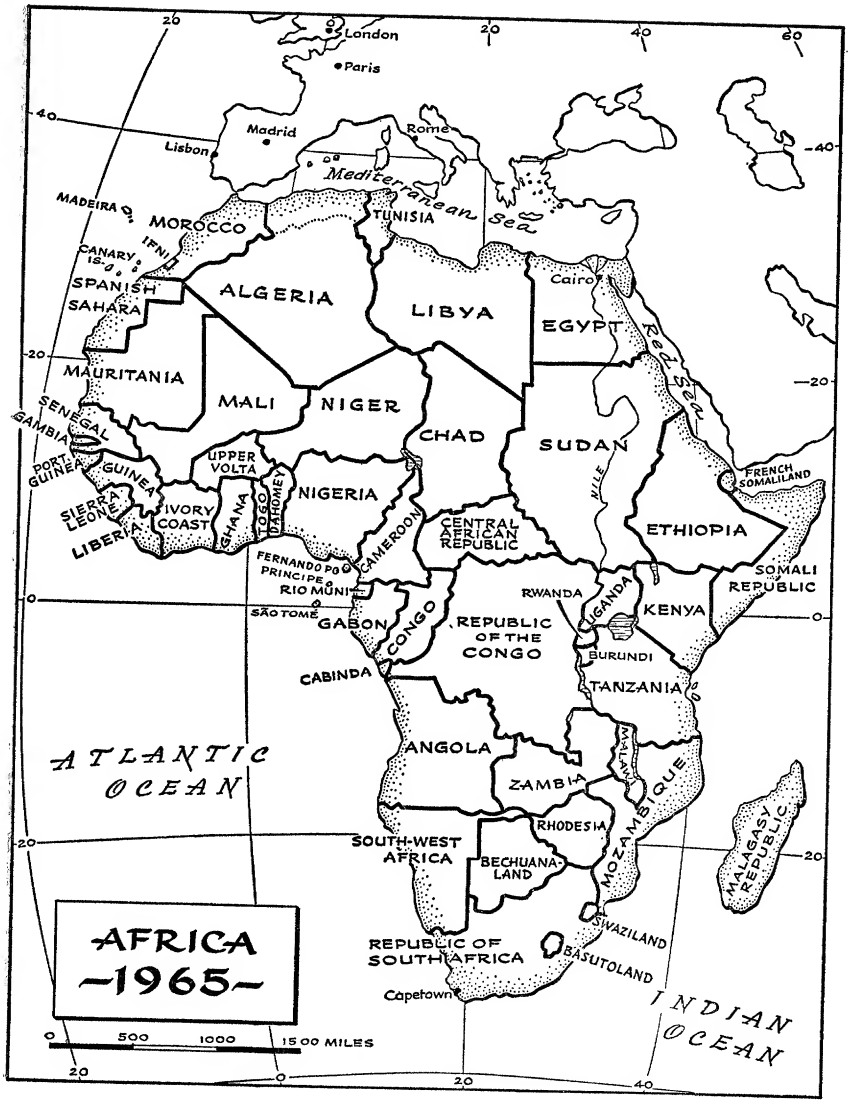
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PREFACE

This book attempts to let the African leaders and intellectuals speak for themselves by limiting the editor's role to the selection of passages to be reproduced, with the addition of introductory notes to identify the author and describe the specific context of what he wrote or spoke. On rare occasions we have taken the liberty of correcting what were obviously typographical errors in the original texts without going through the procedure of adding a clumsy and supercilious "sic." Considerations of space have, of course, made it necessary to cut material which might otherwise have been included, but we have attempted to be scrupulous in making sure that what appears here is a fair and representative sample of what the speaker or author actually intended. Only thus could we convey the rich variety of modern African thought, as well as its continuity over time.

Although the selections which follow have, inevitably, been chosen on somewhat arbitrary grounds, and others might have been reproduced which give different viewpoints, cover other ground, or more fully expound matters which are only hinted at here, we have endeavored, in organizing the book along both topical and historical lines, to embrace as many of the main currents of modern African thought as possible. As a general rule, we have avoided the more obvious and easily available sources, such as books or articles recently published in this country, and have turned instead to materials to which the ordinary reader and student would find it difficult to gain access.

We have seen the African awakening as a revolution which is still under way. We hope that this book conveys an authentic sense of how the Africans themselves have viewed and dealt with the problems and potentialities of the new era into which they are now entering.

We should like to express our gratitude to Laurie Vermilyea and Jonie Reischauer who cheerfully bore the burden of typing the manuscript for this book.

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